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February 15, 2007

Richard J. Barson  
Interstate Gold and Gas, Inc.  
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Subject: Notice of File Closure, Interstate Gold and Gas, Inc., Lucky Boy Claims, S/003/021, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Barson:

The Lucky Boy Claims small mining permit, file number S/003/021, located in Box Elder County, Utah, will now be closed and the file retired.

On June September 6, 2006, a site inspection was performed. The inspector noted that this site had not been active for 10 years. Although the highwall was not recontoured or regraded, it was determined that the site meets the revegetation standards for successful reclamation. Therefore, the inspector recommended the file be closed.

If you wish to conduct any future mining related activity in this area, you will need to submit a new notice, surety and pay back permit fees prior mining.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this action, please contact me at (801) 538-5258 or Lynn Kunzler at (801) 538-5310. Thank you for your time and consideration in completing the required reclamation on this project.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White  
Mine Program Coordinator  
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Larry Garahana, BLM

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## Bond Release Findings

Mine Name: Lucky Boy Claims  
Operator: Interstate Gold and Gas Co.  
Contact: Richard Barston

I.D. No.: M0030021  
Mineral Ownership: BLM  
Surface Ownership: BLM

Disturbed Area: 4.0 Acres

Acres Permitted: 5.0

### Surety

There is No Surety for this site.

### Setting and Premining Environment

This site is located approximately 3 miles south of Yost, Box Elder County, Utah. It is located within a Pinyon Juniper woodland. There is very little understory vegetation in the undisturbed surrounding areas.

### Operations

This site was originally permitted in 1994 and has been inactive since 1995. Most of the disturbance associated with this site (nearly 3.5 acres) is the access road. Approximately 0.5 acres were disturbed at the mine site. Disturbance at the site includes a small excavation (less than 1/4 acre, 8-10 feet deep 20-25 feet wide and about 80 feet long) a small trench (50 feet long and about 3 feet deep by 3 feet wide) and a pad area.

### Reclamation

There were no facilities/structures associated with this operation. Aside from placement of stumps, rocks and limbs on the access road, and possible seeding of the road area, it is likely no reclamation was ever performed. With that in mind, vegetation establishment along the road corridor has far exceeded the vegetation in the adjacent areas. Species that have re-established include snowberry, sagebrush, rabbitbrush, serviceberry, fescue and Thickspike (?) wheatgrass. Vegetation cover at the mine site also exceeds the ground cover standard of 70% of the premining (or surrounding) vegetation ground cover. Apparently little or no regrading was done at the mine site. The final pit cut is 8-10 feet high and about 25 feet wide. Although the trench as sloughed in, it is still noticeable. Less than 0.1 acres should have been regraded.

### Hydrology

There were no drainages within the project area. During an inspection on September 6, 2006, the area was found to be stable with no erosion problems noted.

### Revegetation

*Postmining landuse:* The Grazing and wildlife habitat has been re-established with the re-invasion of the desirable perennial species. Species observed include those that provide quality forage for domestic animals and wildlife.

*Revegetation success standard:* The premining vegetation ground cover had been estimated to be 10%. The re-established vegetation ground cover on the road exceeded 60% and at the mine site exceeded 40% (even though there are small areas where vegetation cover is close to 10 %).

### Recommendation

This operator has been unresponsive, has never paid permit fees or submitted annual reports. It is therefore recommended that the file for this site be closed. On October 23, 2006, the BLM concurred with this action.

Lynn Kunzler, Senior Reclamation Specialist  
Name/Title



October 23, 2006  
Date

**From:** Larry\_Garahana@blm.gov 10/23/2006 2:02 PM

**Subject:** Re: Lucky Boy Claims

Lynn - Although there has been success with the vegetation growth, I agree there should have been some earth-work completed as well. The Division can close the file if you wish, but the BLM would like to leave their file on this open and see if we can somehow get it regraded in the near future. Let me know if there is anything else that needs to be done.

Thanks.

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10/17/2006 07:26 AM  
Subject Lucky Boy Claims

Attached are photos taken during a recent inspection I performed. The Division is proposing to close this file, even though not all reclamation work was completed (about 1/10 acre should have been regraded). The re-invasion of vegetation (no noxious weeds) have surpassed what the Division would consider as the revegetation success standard.

If you concur with the State closing this file, please so indicate with your reply.